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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [1557]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891. [1553]

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [1]

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1891.

## THE LATEST GERMAN ATROCITY.

HONGKONG THE "HOME OF MUSICAL MONKEYS."

This is not a fiction, nor in any sense a creation of anybody's fertile imagination, but an *owre true tale*. Nobody will be run in on a bogus charge of perjury, and it ought to be needless to say that there is not a member of our staff from the Office Coast down to the coolie who does not know the crank of our printing machine, who could be safely approached 'on the cross.' We can all hit our straight from the shoulder, and those who can afford it in these hard times wear thick-soled boots. But to our tale. Miss A. B.—that isn't the lady's name, but it is quite near enough for our purpose—writes as follows:-

December 30th, 1891.  
Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of sending you the note which Herr Friedenthal left with the proprietors of the City Hall last night.

You may use the contents of it as you like, but I beg you to return the original per bearer.

Respectfully yours, Miss A. B.  
To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, Hongkong.

Here is Herr Friedenthal's 'note,' which we have no doubt will be thoroughly appreciated by local musical amateurs, especially the Teutonic element:-

Comrade,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir,—As I do not feel inclined to play to-night, I herewith suspend the concert.

To all those ladies and gentlemen who take the trouble of appearing here to-night, my sincerest regrets; money repaid by Messrs Kelly and Walsh. But to the rest of the highly cultivated Hongkong public, please tell them that I leave to-morrow for Manila, and that I shall take the greatest trouble wherever I go to, to find out about an orchestra of musical monkeys playing Scotch, Back-Pipe, and I shall recommend them to go to Hongkong, as they undoubtedly ought to draw well here.

Meanwhile my respects and thanks to yourself for your trouble.

I am, Dear Sir, Your's very truly,  
ALB. FRIEDENTHAL.

Hongkong, December 29th, 1891.

After perusing this candid expression of opinion regarding the Hongkong musical public—Friedenthal has evidently never heard his German compatriots making sweet music in the wildest hour of night after a saucerful of ogle, or his satire would have been considerably well, never mind—we at once despatched liveried messengers, who are always in attendance outside our office, to the German public, to beg them to pay attention to the Chinese style, with the editorial satirists of the Daily Press, to fetch the Office Coast, dead or alive, without delay, and to beg, borrow or steal a twenty-five cents German quotation book. The O. G. was wanted to chuck something. Millions off his inflated chest; from the quotation book he looked to obtain some appropriate motto for the new proprietors of the British colony of Hongkong.

But it was not to be; for at the very moment our "ferry cross—Scotch Concert Committee, kindly copy—was being sent on its desperate mission, the following *Billet d'avis* from Herr Friedenthal himself reached us, via a Hongkong Hotel chit-book:-

Hongkong, December 30th, 1891.

Dear Sir,—I leave to-morrow very early in the steamer "Loretto" (half-cast, half-Spanish, half-Chinese), because this steamer goes *already and direct*.

Many thanks for your interest in the concert. I gave here. I am very glad not to have exposed last night Beethoven and Wagner, and so saved my honour, and above all the honour of those great masters. Good bye!

Very truly yours,  
ALB. FRIEDENTHAL.

P.S.—The paper I wrote to the City Hall has been taken away by some lady, as I hear friend of mine, so I am sorry I can't send it to you—A. F.

After receipt of this communication we didn't want to blow the loud trumpet, so the Office Coast and the collection of German witlings were allowed a rest. But we are sorry for Herr Friedenthal. It is indeed hard lines for an accomplished *artiste* admits of no denial. To have to shut up the Hongkong Theatre for lack of an audience, even although supported by our two most accomplished musical amateurs, is not very encouraging to professionals generally, and says very little for the cultured musical taste of the well-constituted elite of the colony. A smoking concert (admission and drinks free), an insane extravaganza, or an indecent farcical comedy, would have crowded the Theatre; but an accomplished exponent of the great masters of music had, to use his own peculiar but forcible expression, to "suspend the concert" for lack of an audience.

We trust that Herr Friedenthal will be merciful to Hongkong's shortcomings in the various foreign lands he proposes visiting; the place is still, nominally at least, a British colony, and on that account a considerable amount of latitude must be allowed for a non-appreciation of Wagner and Beethoven among the brokers and other noblemen who form the governing classes and the "hupper suckles" generally. In a few years' time, when our German friends are nominally as well as practically the autocratic rulers of this colony, when the German tri-colour has replaced the Union Jack, Herr Friedenthal may safely reveal the dead-and-alive refuge of the destitute, in the full confidence that his talented efforts will receive the approbation which is justly their due. At present the champion beer-drinker, a German nobleman of high reputation, is greater attraction in Hongkong than an eminent master of the divine art of music.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamship *Wooten* was docked for cleaning and repairs in the Cosmopolitan Dock to-day. The *Triumph* is at Aberdeen Dock.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamship *Malwa*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the High Level Tramway Company to-day, the resolutions which were passed last week were unanimously confirmed.

M. DE LANESSAY, Governor-General of Tonkin, has just laid the foundation stone of a large public hospital at Hanoi, which was celebrated by a grand banquet and great public rejoicings.

BEHIND THE SCENES.  
Old Soak—I dreamed of you last night, Miss Footlight.  
Miss Footlight—What, *delirium tremens* again?

MESSRS. Dowell, Carill & Co. inform us that the steamship *Torrey* has had to put back into Saigon owing to stress of weather, and will sail this afternoon for Hongkong. She should arrive here about January 4th.

Yulius Hamburg—I von feely dollar from Berlin Beet last night.  
Joban Bremen—I did last week, but he never paid up.  
Yulius—Dot's all right. I took his watch and chain for security!

OFFICE Boy (to Editor)—"I've got a complaint to make, sir." Employee—"Well, what is it?" Office Boy—"The reporter kicked me." Editor—"Of course he kicked you. You don't expect me to attend to everything, do you? I can't look after all the little details of the business myself."

WH hear that it is the intention of the Directors of the Canadian Pacific Coy. to raise the pay of the officers employed in their fleet. Hitherto the rate of pay has been on the low "Home" scale, but the happy amalgamation of policy and liberality has decided the Board to put their officers on a par with those of the Pacific Mail Co.'s officers employed in Far Eastern waters.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:-

Cheong Jack & Co. .... 25  
Cheong Luk Yui ..... 25  
Robert Jack ..... 25  
Wing Lee & Co. .... 25  
Jack A. Young ..... 10  
Ah Chee ..... 10  
Luk Hing ..... 5

THE letters of sympathy we have been daily receiving from the Coast Ports, as well as from local residents, during the past week account of the extraordinary verdict in the recent libel case must be held over for the present. We thank our numerous correspondents for their expressions of confidence, etc., etc., but for obvious reasons are unable to give publicity to the same in the columns of this journal. Silence is golden sometimes, and in this case we cannot be too discreet. But the opera isn't over by a very long chalk, as the *claqueurs* may yet find out to their cost. *A hidden tongue makes a wise head.*

WE are highly appreciative of what has appeared in the local Chinese papers regarding the *Blackmail v. Fraser-Smith* libel case, and with our friendly contemporaries to understand that we have refrained from reproducing their comments on the matters at issue owing to the case being still *sub judice*, as the verdict of the jury will be duly appealed against. Further, we venture to ask our contemporaries to refrain from making any additional comments on the merits of the case, or any reflections on the judge, jury, learned counsel, and witnesses until some definite course of action has been arrived at. That ridiculous travesty on British law known as contempt of Court still exists, although in a moribund state, and in Hongkong past experience is a plain pointer to the advisability of running the unnecessary risks where the will of the Court can be arbitrarily exercised.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

Halmau ..... Steamer, from Haiphong.  
Frisco ..... " " Canton.  
Fooking ..... " " Canton.  
Hailan ..... " " Foochow, &c.  
Donar ..... " " Sourabaya.  
Alubus ..... " " Pakhoi, &c.  
Amoy ..... " " Canton.  
Aggregating 5739 tons, register.

Outward.

Elisabing ..... Steamer, for Canton.  
Confidential ..... " " Haiphong.  
Mabourne ..... " " Haiphong.  
Clara ..... " " Haiphong.  
Formosa ..... " " Swatow, &c.  
Tuscar ..... " " Shanghai.  
N. S. de Loretto ..... " " Manila.  
Cheung H. Kian ..... " " Amoy.  
Aggregating 8,399 tons, register.

THINGS are looking up in Saigon. Says the *Progress*—A meeting which was rendered necessary by certain little difficulties between M. M. Baurac and Marchoux, naval doctors, came off on Saturday. The latter was injured deep in the right breast, and at first the wound was thought mortal, but now there appears to be some hope of recovery. Further—"M. Marsal, our editor, was imprisoned to-day in default of paying the amount of the adverse judgment in the criminal action brought by Vernerville. We hope to be able to get the Chamber of Commerce to just the same." The Chamber of Commerce is on strike, the President and two members of the Committee, throwing it up in disgust, and others following. M. de Cappe, head of the Education Department, is daily subjected to most damatory criticism in all the local newspapers for his general incapacity and his want of energy in several directions. The whole of the French colonists are disaffected with the prohibitive tariff, which they say is smothering and choking the country; the Cochinchina contribution of 64 millions francs is deemed excessive. The social world is rising against what is called "the Wallachian invasion"—a swarm of fair charmers in the *off* line of business, who are crowding out the Parisiens. A prominent citizen, employed in the Annual Works, shot himself on account of excess in love. And so things go on merrily in Saigon, and the new journal, *L'Asie de Cochinchine*, most merrily and drolly reveals in the fun, publishing vigorous and scurrilous articles on current events.

DOCK shares have gone up to 85 per cent. premium, and at that rate they are in strong demand. The Company must have been coining money for some time past.

AT KELLY & WALSH'S.  
Miss Amoy—I want a new watch.  
Obliging Clerk—Here's Sullivan's latest.  
Miss Amoy—No, thanks awfully—I hate piziz fighters.

"PRISONER," said Judge Cowing, "you are charged with gambling." "Gambling! What is gambling?" "Playing cards for money." "But I did not play cards for money; I played cards for chips." "Well, you got money for your chips at the end of the game, didn't you?" "No." "You didn't?" "No, I didn't have any chips at the end of the game." "You are discharged."

Manager of Gutierrez Steamship Co.—You had a rough trip, Captain?  
Captain Rockman—Yes. Lost one passenger and three coolies overboard.  
Manager—But the freight?  
Captain—All right, Sir.  
Manager—Congratulations, Captain; you'll get a double bonus next year.

WE are glad to learn that when bruiser Bendoff throws down the gauntlet in the local "ring" he will find many more Richmonds in the field than he dreamt of. Hongkong is a small place as regards population, and smaller still in the matter of British manhood and pluck; but we can put our hands on four men, all of whom are real and true, who will worthily uphold its honor in the fistie arena when called upon. So lead on McDuffoduff, and d—, etc.

A GERMAN has, it is said, invented a safe that can lock itself with a blow of the hand, and handcuffs and holds him in readiness to be conducted to the Police Court in the morning. An American is going to improve upon this, and is experimenting upon a set of books which, as well as a fraudulent entry is made in them, will, by means of a clever electrical contrivance, sound an alarm on the Police Court bell.

At a performance of "Rob Roy," given recently at Greenock, the majority of the performers were amateurs. After the escape of the bold outlaw, Dougal and others join in a dance, the Ballie being led, in the excitement of the moment, to unbend from the decorum and dignity he has studiously observed. This dance was given with so much vigor that the spectators demanded its repetition, when an old woman in the pit—whose sympathies were with the Ballie—reached forward, and somewhat disconcerted the leader of the band by touching him on the bow arm, and saying, in imploring terms—"Stop it, mister—stop it! Ye're makin' that solid body dance far over much!"

"A SUBSCRIBER of eight years' standing" writes from Canton—"The verdict against the Editor of the *Telegraph* in the libel case has aroused general sympathy here, if not a much stronger feeling. I wish to make a proposal to all your subscribers, hoping it will meet with their approval. Let every one, who can afford it, subscribe for two copies of the *Telegraph* instead of one, as a help in paying off the \$3000 damages. Please put my name down for two papers to begin with." Now, this is kindly meant and we are exceedingly grateful for such a spontaneous expression of good feeling, but the proposal is impracticable. There are many other easier ways in which our correspondent's suggestion can be carried out; and as the question is really a public one, we are glad to know that the public both in Hongkong and at the Coast Ports, are taking steps to support the Editor of this journal in his determination to maintain the freedom of the Press and the interests of our common humanity.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, held last night, the District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:-

Deputy District Grand Master—Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Victoria Lodge, 1026.  
Senior Warden—Wor. Bro. J. McL. Brown, Victoria Lodge, 1026.  
Junior Warden—Wor. Bro. G. P. Jordan, Perseverance Lodge, 1165.  
Chaplain—Wor. Bro. G. H. Bondfield, Zealand Lodge, 555.  
Treasurer—Wor. Bro. F. W. Heusermann, Zealand Lodge, 555.  
Regist. Sec.—Wor. Bro. R. Carke, Zealand Lodge, 555.  
President Board of General Purposes—Wor. Bro. David Gillies, Zealand Lodge, 555.  
Secretary—Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Goudin, Victoria Lodge, 1026.  
Senior Deacon—Wor. Bro. J. Bryant, United Service Lodge, 1341.  
Junior Deacon—Wor. Bro. H. J. Scott, Victoria Lodge, 1026.  
Supt. of Works—Bro. A. S. Hooper, Perseverance Lodge, 1165.  
Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. O. M. R. Miller, Star of Southern China, 2013.  
Assist. Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. R. Markwick, Jr., Perseverance, 1165.  
Sword Bearer—Bro. W. L. Ford, United Service, 1341.  
Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. A. J. Hadley, Corinthian, 1,806.  
Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. F. E. Barrow, Perseverance, 1165.  
Organist—Wor. Bro. P. Lammer, Perseverance, 1165.  
Pursuivant—Wor. Bro. H. B. Weeks, Foochow Lodge, 1012.  
Assist. Pursuivant—Bro. G. W. Butt.  
Steward—Bro. A. E. Skeels, Zealand, 555.  
C. E. Holworthy, Star of Southern China, 2013.  
G. L. Tomlin, Perseverance, 1165.  
J. Lowrie, United Service, 1041.  
J. G. Goltz, Ionic, 1781.  
J. Smith, Corinthian Lodge, 1806.  
Tyler—J. R. Gimble, United Service, 1301.  
(Unofficial Members).  
Wor. Brother N. D. Death.  
" R. H. W. Brewitt.

A MAIL STEAMER DISABLED.

TOWED INTO SAIGON.

News has been received here to-day by telegraph of the breakdown of the Italian mail steamer *Bormida*. She was picked up by the Indo-China Company's steamer *Wingyang*, and towed into Saigon, where she will be docked for repairs. It is stated that the *Bormida*'s machinery has come to grief, owing to the crank shaft breaking. The *Wingyang* is now en route to Hongkong from Saigon.

It appears that the *Bormida* was picked up by the *Wingyang* near Cape St. James, whence the first news was sent to Saigon. The amount of the cargo lost, except of course, the *Bormida*, was not ascertained until the *Wingyang* arrived with full particulars of the accident.

## CHARACTER SKETCHES.

## FIFTH ARTICLE.



BONNIE SCOTLAND! I ADORE THEE!

## COPPER JOCK.

No stir in the town, a lull in the sea,  
The ship was as still as ship can be;  
Her sails from heaven received no motion,  
There was no depression in the Pacific Ocean.

With neither sound nor sign of shock,  
The people passed by Copper Jock,  
Jock's bottom rose, his bottom fell,  
Like the broker gents round the Clock Tower bell.

The worm had turned, and now could mock,  
At our local Tribune, Copper Jock,  
For he went too far, and fell with a crash,  
When he tried the rest of the Earth to smash.

The sun at the Peak was shining gay,  
All things were joyful on that day,  
The pic-nickers "boored" as the glass went round,  
And there was nothing teetotal in their sound.

Then public opinion was seen  
Like a growing speck on the ocean green;  
Sir John the Mitchell walked his deck  
And fixed his eyes on the darkening wreck.

He felt the cheering power of spring,  
It made him whistle, it made him sing.  
His heart was mirthful to excess—  
But C.J.'s mirth meant wickedness.

Quoth he "My men, put out a boat"  
(His eye was on our Office Goat),  
"And scull me up to the *Telegraph*,"  
"And I'll plague that man and his peaky staff."

His tickle cooler came along  
And rushed him all about Hongkong.  
Sir John the Mitchell did his best  
To abolish his officers' Sunday rest.

"Little Mac" was bad enough,  
And seems to be a trifle tough;  
But when it comes to playing hell,  
Command me to Sir John M.—!

Sir John the Coppery had his way  
And did as he liked for many a day,  
Until the time, to the Scots so dear,  
When they hold the feast of the braw New Year.

So thick a gloom o'erspreads the sky,  
They cannot see the sun on high;  
The wind hath wildly moaned all day,  
At eventide it died away.

Sir John the Mitchell tried his hand  
To get together a tuncful band.  
Of fancy Scots, to sing a' neech  
An' bring the New Year in a' reech.

"Canst see," said one, "green in mine eye?"  
"Canst catch said birds w' chaff forbye?"  
Another said "Ye maun sing yerse,"  
"An' then ye can jist gang hame tae—  
Eedlefechan."

"For we are na fou, we're na that fou,  
"But jist a wee drap in oor ee;  
"The cock may craw and the day may daw,  
"But we'll na chip in w' the likes o' ye."

Sir Jock the Mitchell tore his hair—  
He cutt himself in his despair!  
For all his stagers rushed away  
An' there'll be a poor Scotch concert on  
New Year's Day!

(With apologies to the late Mr. Southey).

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

ANNUAL TEA AND MEETING.

About 180 seamen of the Royal Navy and Merchant Service sat down last night to a sumptuous tea heartily supplied by the kindness of resident ladies and gentlemen. Admission to the tea was by ticket, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be given to the building fund of the Kowloon Institute.

The meeting in the Reading Room, which was neatly and appropriately decorated in Christmas fashion, was presided over by the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon. Christmas carols were sung by the choir—the musical programme being as under:-

Hymns  
"Come ye Lovers" ..... Full Chorus.  
"Ring the Bells" ..... Trebles and Chorus.  
"Good King Wenceslas" ..... Full Chorus.  
Mr. S. Hayward and Mr. P. Shaw.  
"Story of the Shepherd" ..... Full Chorus.  
"Sleep Holy Babe" ..... Full Chorus.  
Miss Ridley, Mr. Sheffield, Messrs. Burdon and Tennant.  
"We three Kings" ..... Trebles and Chorus.  
Messrs. Sheffield Hayward and Ramsey.  
"In the Country" ..... Solo and Chorus.  
Mrs. Pacey.

"The Boy's Dream" ..... It was Men and Boys, and jist, ah, jist verses told, Miss Ridley, and Chorus.  
"The Manger Theme" ..... Full Chorus.

The meeting was opened by the singing of a Christmas hymn and Prayer. Mr. Edward Marshall (Seamen's Reader) read the report, which among other matters stated:-

The Institute and Reading room at Kowloon supplies a long felt need on the other side of the harbour. It was opened on September and under most favourable circumstances; H.E. General Digby Barker took the chair, supported by the Rev. Rev. Bishop Burdon, Commander Church, The Hon. W. Goodman, Acting Colonial Secretary, Col. Chater, and Commander the Hon. W. Hastings, Acting Harbour Master, several ladies were also present amongst them Mrs. A. Miss Barker, Mrs. Burdon, Mrs. Keswick, Mrs. G. Sharp, and Mrs. Hastings. The sum of \$300 was collected in the room and a cheque for \$100 was received the next day, thus enabling the Chaplain to deposit the sum of \$400 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to credit of the Building fund. During the four months the Institute has been open 3270 men, including Merchant Seamen, R.N., a large number of Soldiers, Police, and a few civilians, have made use of its attractions.

Draping.—Our thanks are due to the Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. J. J. Keswick, of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Messrs. Russell & Co., and Messrs. Shewan & Co. who generously provided her with the greater portion of the cost used, also to Messrs. Lane and Crawford for water, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. for overhauling &c. Ships visiting the port have given subscriptions to the fund amounting to \$441.80.

The total number of men using the launch 18 came on shore to Church on Sunday has been 1,180 making an average of about 22 per Sunday. On Christmas Day 31 seamen came in her. She has also brought men on shore to the Tuesday and Friday evening meetings. The latter have been rendered very attractive by the Temperance choir, which has gradually developed and is now an important factor in the work. Our thanks are due to the following friends who have so kindly given concerts on Tuesday evenings:-Mrs. Cobban; Mrs. Ford; Mrs. Goldsmith; Mrs. Lamont; Mrs. Robbison; Mrs. Granville Sharp and the Boys of the Diocesan Home. Also to Mr. S. B. Skerichley F.G.S. for six lectures, and to Captain Anderson for the loan of his magic lantern. The Hon. E. J. Acton, Hon. W. M. Goodman, Hon. J. J. Keswick, Dr. Symonds, United States Consul, and Mr. Turnbull have on different occasions presided at these gatherings. The report also contains a list of friends who have kindly sent books, papers, magazines &c. for the use of the Reading Room and the Kowloon Institute and for sending away to sea.

Visits to Merchant ships 1366.  
Meetings held 134, attended by 1708 seamen.  
Morning prayers on week days, 4001, last year 3913.  
Bibles sold, Eng. 12, For. 3, Pr. books 5.  
Bags of reading distributed 115.  
Temp. men enrolled 354, last year 342.  
Communicants 522, last year 713.

A new members have joined the shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society and 3 shipwrecked men have been returned.  
Mrs. Goldsmith has been returned to school for men on Wednesday and Saturday evenings; the attendance have been 566. School was not held for 14 weeks of the year.

About 900 letters have been posted for seamen. The Bishop, who was loudly applauded, spoke upon the work of the past year, and urged upon the audience the duty of kindness and taking opportunities for doing kind actions. An earnest address was delivered by Captain Angus Macleod, R.N. who was very well received.

Mr. W. T. (Hon. T. Reader) proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had sent the provision for the tea, and the ladies who sang the carols. The audience gave three ringing cheers to them all.

The Chaplain (Rev. A. G. Goldsmith) in a few words proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding, to Mr. Moir, Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, for the excellent arrangements which had resulted in such a successful tea, and to the men who had decorated the room with mottoes and evergreens. He spoke in warm terms of the help he had received during the year from his able body of workers. Three cheers were again given to the speakers.

The evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion with the Doxology and Benediction. Among other who came down to take part in the proceedings were Mrs. and Miss Digby Barker, Mrs. Acton, Hon. Commander Hastings and Mrs. Hastings, Major and Mrs. Self, Mrs. Burdon and Mrs. Granville Sharp.

SWINDLING DIRECTORS.


Referring to the recent conviction and sentence of two directors of a public company in Sydney for fraudulent appropriation of the company's funds by overvaluing their accounts and by securities, etc., the Australian *Star* makes the following editorial comments, which might be studied with great advantage by Hongkong directors and shareholders:-

"It must occur to every thoughtful person that the state of the law in regard to public companies is largely responsible for the facility with which these 'frauds' were perpetrated. The society was formed in March, 1888, and had therefore been in existence for over three years. During this time there should have been at least three thorough audits made of the accounts, whereas there have been none worth the name. Doubtless this auditors employed made no sort of examination of what was placed before them; but it is only too apparent that false balance sheets were supported by fictitious vouchers, which were too readily accepted. Either this, or a condemnatory report must have been made by the auditors and suppressed, because the swindling went on wholly unchecked until by some fortuitous occurrence the affair was exploded. For this accident the concern would have been kept going until it resulted in wide-spread ruin. Had the law provided for an independent audit by official accountants, the mischief, if







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